

PIL

PIKE. *n. s.* [*picque*, Fr. his snout being sharp. *Skinner and Junius.*]

1. The lute or pike is the tyrant of the fresh waters: they are bred some by generation, and some not; as namely of a weed called pickerel-weed, unless Gefner be much mistaken; for he says, this weed and other glutinous matter, with the help of the sun's heat in some particular months, and in some ponds apted for it by nature, do become *pikes*: doubtless divers *pikes* are bred after this manner, or are brought into some ponds some other ways, that is past man's finding out: Sir Francis Bacon observes the *pike* to be the longest lived of any fresh water fish, and yet he computes it to be not usually above forty years; and others think it to be not above ten years: he is a solitary, melancholy and bold fish; he breeds but once a year, and his time of breeding or spawning is usually about the end of February, or somewhat later, in March, as the weather proves colder or warmer: and his manner of breeding is thus; a he and a she *pike* will usually go together out of a river into some ditch or creek, and there the spawner casts her eggs, and the melter hovers over her all the time she is casting her spawn, but touches her not.

In a pond into which were put several fish and two *pikes*, upon drawing it some years afterwards there were left no fish, but the *pikes* grown to a prodigious size, having devoured the other fish and their numerous spawn.

2. [*Pique*, Fr.] A long lance used by the foot soldiers, to keep off the horse, to which bayonets have succeeded.

Beat you the drum that it speak mournfully,
Trail your steel *pikes*.
Let us revenge this with our *pikes*, ere we become rakes;
for I speak this in hunger for bread, not for revenge.

3. A fork used in husbandry.

A rake for to rake up the fitches that lie,
A *pike* to pike them up handsome to drie.

4. Among turners, two iron sprigs between, which any thing to be turned is fastened.

Hard wood, prepared for the lathe with rasping, they pitch between the *pikes*.

PIKED. *adj.* [*piqué*, Fr.] Sharp; acuminate; ending in a point. In *Shakespeare*, it is used of a man with a pointed beard.

Why then I fuck my teeth, and catechise
My piked man of countries.

PIKEMAN. *n. s.* [*pique* and *man*.] A soldier armed with a pike.

Three great squadrons of *pikemen* were placed against the enemy.

PIKESTAFF. *n. s.* [*pique* and *staff*.] The wooden frame of a pike.

To me it is as plain as a *pikestaff*, from what mixture it is, that this daughter silently lowers, to other steals a kind look.

PILASTER. *n. s.* [*pilastre*, Fr. *pilastro*, Italian.] A square column sometimes insulated, but often set within a wall, and only shewing a fourth or a fifth part of its thickness.

Pilasters must not be too tall and slender, lest they resemble pillars; nor too dwarfish and gross, lest they imitate the piles or piers of bridges.

Built like a temple, where *pilasters* round
Were set.

The curtain rises, and a new frontispiece is seen, joined to the great *pilasters* each side of the stage.

Clap four slices of *pilaster* on't,
That laid with bits of rustic makes a front.

PILCHER. *n. s.* [*Warburton* says we should read *pilche*, which signifies a cloak or coat of skins, meaning the scabbard: this is confirmed by *Junius*, who renders *pilly*, a garment of skins; *pyleece*, Sax. *pellice*, Fr. *pelliccia*, Italian; *pellis*, Lat.]

1. A furred gown or case; any thing lined with fur.

Pluck your sword out of his *pilcher* by the ears.

2. A fish like a herring.

PILE. *n. s.* [*pyle*, Fr. *pyle*, Dutch.]

1. A strong piece of wood driven into the ground to make firm a foundation.

The bridge the Turks before broke, by plucking up of certain *piles*, and taking away of the planks.

PIL

To his own portion! what expence by th' hour
Seems to flow from him! how i' th' name of thrift,
Does he rake this together.

By the water passing through the stone to its perpendicular intervals, was brought thither all the metallic matter now lodged therein, as well as that which lies only in an undigested and confused *pile*.

3. Any thing heaped together to be burned.

I'll bear your logs the while; pray give me it,
I'll carry't to the *pile*.

Woe to the bloody city, I will even make the *pile* for fire great.

In Alexander's time, the Indian philosophers, when weary of living, lay down upon their funeral *pile* without any visible concern.

The wife, and counsellor or priest,
Prepare and light his funeral fire,
And cheerful on the *pile* expire.

An edifice; a building.

Th' ascending *pile* stood fix'd her stately height,
Not to look back so far, to whom this life
Owes the first glory of so brave a *pile*.

The *pile* o'erlook'd the town, and drew the fight.
Fancy brings the vanish'd *piles* to view,
And builds imaginary Rome anew.

No longer shall forsaken Thames
Lament his old Whitchall in flames;
A *pile* shall from its ashes rise,
Fit to invade or prop the skies.

5. A hair. [*pilus*, Lat.]

Yonder's my lord, with a patch of velvet on's face; his left cheek is a cheek of two *piles* and a half, but his right cheek is worn bare.

6. Hairy surface; nap.

Many other sorts of stones are regularly figured; the amethyst of parallel threads, as in the *pile* of velvet.

7. [*Pilus*, Lat.] The head of an arrow.

His spear a bent,
The *pile* was of a horse fly's tongue,
Whole sharpness nought revers'd.

8. [*Pile*, Fr. *pila*, Italian.] One side of a coin; the reverse of cross.

Other men have been, and are of the same opinion, a man may more justifiably throw up cross and *pile* for his opinions, than take them up so.

9. [*In the plural, piles.*] The hemorrhoids.

Wherever there is any uneasiness, solicit the humours towards that part, to procure the *piles*, which seldom miss to relieve the head.

10. To heap; to coacervate.

The fabric of his folly, whose foundation
Is *piled* upon his faith, and will continue
The standing of his body.

Let them pull all about my ears,
Pile ten hills on the Tarpeian rock,
That the precipitation might downstretch
Below the beam of sight, yet will I still
Be thus.

Against beleagu'd heav'n the giants move;
Hills *piled* on hills, on mountains mountains lie,
To make their mad approaches to the sky.

Men *piled* on men, with active leaps arise,
And build the breathing fabric to the skies.

In all that heap of quotations which he has *piled* up, nothing is aimed at.

All these together are the foundation of all those heaps of comments, which are *piled* so high upon authors, that it is difficult sometimes to clear the text from the rubbish.

2. To fill with something heaped.

Attabaliba had a great house *piled* upon the sides with great wedges of gold.

PILEATED. *adj.* [*pileus*, Lat.] In the form of a cover or hat.

A *pileated* echinus taken up with different shells of several kinds.

PIILER. *n. s.* [*pila*, Fr.] He who accumulates.

To PIILER. *v. a.* [*pila*, Fr.] To steal; to gain by petty robbery.

They not only steal from each other, but *pilfer* away all things that they can from such strangers as do land.

PIL

I came not here on such a trivial toy,
As a stray'd ewe, or to pursue the stealth
Of pilfering wolf.

When these plagiaries come to be stript of their pilfered ornaments, there's the daw of the fable.

For fear some pilf'ring hand should make too bold.
PIILER. *n. s.* [*pila*, Fr.] One who steals petty things.

Half thou suffered at any time by vagabonds and pilferers? Promote those charities which remove such pests of society into prisons and workhouses.

PIILFERY. *n. s.* [*pila*, Fr.] Petty theft.

A wolf charges a fox with a piece of pilfery; the fox denies, and the ape tries the cause.

PIILGRIM. *n. s.* [*pilgrim*, Dutch; *pelerin*, Fr. *pellegrino*, Italian; *peregrinus*, Lat.] A traveller; a wanderer; particularly one who travels on a religious account.

Two pilgrims, which have wandered some miles together, have a hearty-grief when they are near to part.

Granting they could not tell Abraham's footstep from an ordinary pilgrim's; yet they should know some difference between the foot of a man and the face of Venus.

Like pilgrims to th' appointed place we tend;
The world's an inn, and death the journey's end.

To PIILGRIM. *v. n.* [*pila*, Fr.] To wander; to ramble.

The ambulo hath no certain home or diet, but pilgrims up and down every where, feeding upon all sorts of plants.

PIILGRIMAGE. *n. s.* [*pilgrimage*, Fr.]

1. A long journey; travel; more usually a journey on account of devotion.

We are like two men
That vow a long and weary pilgrimage.

In prison thou hast spent a pilgrimage,
And, like a hermit, overpast thy days.

Most miserable hour, that time ere saw
In lasting labour of his pilgrimage.

Painting is a long pilgrimage; if we do not actually begin the journey, and travel at a round rate, we shall never arrive at the end of it.

2. *Shakespeare* used it for time irksomely spent, improperly.

PILL. *n. s.* [*pilula*, Lat. *pillule*, French.] Medicine made into a small ball or mass.

In the taking of a potion or pills, the head and the neck shake.

When I was sick, you gave me bitter pills.

The oracular doctor's mystick bills,
Certain hard words made into pills.

To PILL. *v. a.* [*pila*, Fr.]

1. To rob; to plunder.

So did he good to none, to many ill;
So did he all the kingdom rob and pill.

The commons hath he pill'd with grievous taxes,
And lost their hearts.

Large-handed robbers your grave matters are,
And pill by law.

You wrangling pirates, that fall out
In flaring that which you have pill'd from me.

Suppose pilling and polling officers, as busy upon the people, as those flies were upon the fox.

He who pill'd his province 'scapes the laws,
And keeps his money, though he lost his cause.

2. For peel; to strip off the bark.

Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and pill'd white streaks in them.

To PILL. *v. n.* To be stript away; to come off in flakes or scories. This should be peel; which see.

The whiteness pill'd away from his eyes.

PIM

I charge you by the law,
Whereof you are a well deserving pillar,
Proceed to judgment.

PIILLARED. *adj.* [*pila*, Fr.]

1. Supported by columns.

A pillar'd shade
High overarch'd, and echoing walks between.

If this fail,
The pillar'd firmament is rottenness,
And earth's base built on stubble.

2. Having the form of a column.

Th' infuriate hill shoots forth the pillar'd flame.

PIILLION. *n. s.* [*pila*, Fr.]

1. A soft saddle set behind a horseman for a woman to sit on.

The house and pillion both were gone;
Phyllis, it seems, was fled with John.

2. A pad; a pannel; a low saddle.

I thought that the manner had been Irish, as also the furniture of his horse, his shank pillion without stirrups.

3. The pad of the saddle that touches the horse.

PIILLORY. *n. s.* [*pila*, Fr. *pillorium*, low Latin.] A frame erected on a pillar, and made with holes and folding boards, through which the heads and hands of criminals are put.

I have stood on the pillory for the geefe he hath killed.

As thick as eggs at Ward in pillory.

The jeers of a theatre, the pillory and the whipping-post are very near a-kin.

To PIILLORY. *v. a.* [*pila*, Fr. from the noun.] To punish with the pillory.

To be burnt in the hand or pillored, is a more lasting reproach than to be scourged or confin'd.

PILLOW. *n. s.* [*pylle*, Saxon; *puilewe*, Dutch.] A bag of down or feathers laid under the head to sleep on.

Pluck stout men's pillows from below their heads.

One turf shall serve as pillow for us both,
One heart, one bed, two bosoms, and one troth.

A merchant died that was very far in debt, his goods and household stuff were set forth to sale; a stranger would needs buy a pillow there, saying, this pillow sure is good to sleep on, since he could sleep on it that owed so many debts.

Thy melted maid,
Corrupted by thy lover's gold,
His letter at thy pillow laid.

Their feathers serve to stuff our beds and pillows, yielding us soft and warm lodging.

To PILLOW. *v. a.* To rest any thing on a pillow.

When the sun in bed,
Curtain'd with cloudy red,
Pillows his chin upon an orient wave,
The flocking shadows pale
Troop to th' infernal jail.

PI'LOWBEER. } *n. s.* The cover of a pillow.

PI'LOWCASE. } *n. s.* When you put a clean pillowcase on your lady's pillow, fasten it well with pins.

PILO'SITY. *n. s.* [*pilosus*, Lat.] Hairiness.

At the years of puberty, all effects of heat do then come on, as pilosity, more roughness in the skin.

PILOT. *n. s.* [*pilote*, Fr. *piloot*, Dutch.] He whose office is to steer the ship.

When her keel ploughs hell,
And deck knocks heaven; then to manage her,
Becomes the name and office of a pilot.

To death I with such joy resort,
As seamen from a tempest to their port;
Yet to that port ourselves we must not force,
Before our pilot, nature, steers our course.

What port can such a pilot find,
Who in the night of fate must blindly steer?

The Roman fleet, although built by shipwrights, and conducted by pilots without experience, defeated that of the Carthaginians.

To PILOT. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To steer; to direct in the course.

PILOTAGE. *n. s.* [*pilote*, French, from pilot.]

1. Pilot's skill; knowledge of coasts.

We must for ever abandon the Indies, and lose all our knowledge and pilotage of that part of the world.

2. A pilot's hire.

PILSER. *n. s.* The moth or fly that runs into a candle flame.

PIMENTA. *n. s.* [*piment*, French.] A kind of spice.

Pimenta, from its round figure, and the place whence it is brought, has been called Jamaica pepper, and from its mixt flavour of the several aromatics, it has obtained the name of all-spice: it is a fruit gathered before it is ripe, and dried for medicinal and culinary use, of the size of a small pea, with a brown and rough surface, and it resembles that of cloves more than any other single spice.